

Our Lady Help of Christians

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — **27TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

PARISH TEAM

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Morning Prayer:
Tue - Fri: 10:00 am

Exposition:
Fri: 10:45am - 11:15 am

Masses Times:
Tue - Fri: 10:15 am

Masses during the week are celebrated in the daily Chapel

Saturday: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Sung Mass)
11:00 am (Family Mass with Children's Liturgy)

Church opening hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays
9:30 am to 4.00 pm

LAST WEEK COLLECTION
£ 382.03

STANDING ORDERS AUGUST
£ 4,152.00

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£ 0

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He changed his mind and went.
The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.
(Mt 21:28-32)

Meditation: What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

Repaying a debt of gratitude and showing respect where it is due

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his sons' food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honour by doing their fair share of the daily work.

Converting both heart and will to do what is good and pleasing to God

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father - but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear - Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

A transformed heart filled with gratitude and respect

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do you seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for your life? Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the peace, joy, and righteousness of God's kingdom (Rom 14:17).

Prayer

Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly.

Fr Allan

PARISH ACTIVITIES

TEAS AFTER MASSES

TEAS after masses in the Don Bosco Hall:

After 9am Mass every Sunday.

After 11am Mass once a fortnight

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS

Every Thursday at 4pm in the Day Chapel (Session lasts about 30 minutes).

OVER 60's BINGO CLUB

The over 60's Bingo Club, run by SanKTus, takes place on Tuesdays morning at 10 am. All parishioners and friends in our local community are most welcome to join us and there is the chance of winning a cash prize!

CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL
Family Fast Day 4th October 2026

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection which will take place next week. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, the scan code above, donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call **0303 303 3030**.

Thank you.

OLHC GOSPEL CHOIR

After a successful performance at the Castlehaven celebrations, we are making plans for performances at Christmas.

Please feel free to join us in every Tuesday at **6.45 pm**, in the hall on Falkland Road.

We're looking forward to what *Singing together .. brings us and where it will take us...*

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Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 26th	6:00 pm	Claudie Lacloche (RIP)
Sun 27th	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass for the De Souza Family
	11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
Tue 29th	10:00 am	
Wed 30th	10:00 am	
Thu 1st	10:00 am	School Mass (Yr 6)
Fri 2nd	10:00 am	
Sat 3rd	6:00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass for the Rastelli Family

ALTAR SERVERS

A reminder of our invitation to all those who made their Holy Communion this year who would like to join our excellent group of Alter Servers at the 6pm Mass on Saturday or the 09 am Mass on Sunday or at the Family Mass at 11 am on Sunday.

Please see Fr Allan, Akua, Tom or Jackie for more information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION 2026

The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held **on Friday 2 October,** from 7:30—8:30 pm. Please contact the office to book a place.

Bright Women, Bold Futures

La Sainte Union CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to our upcoming Open Events.

Come and explore our outstanding facilities, dedicated careers centre and learn about our inspiring work in STEM and the Performing Arts. Meet our passionate staff, speak to current students, and discover how we support every girl to achieve her bold future.

Open Evening: Tuesday 29th September 2025 4pm-7pm (no booking required)

Open Mornings: Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October (book on website)

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

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